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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK FOR DEA FROM CUSACK

SUBJ: 42 ICPO-INTERPOL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, VIENNA,
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REF: BANGKOK 16911 AND 17392

1. AS IS KNOWN THE DELEGATION OF THAILAND TO ICPO GENERAL
ASSEMBLY WAS HEADED BY MAJOR GENERAL CHUMPOL LOHACHALA THEN
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE. MAJOR GENERAL POW SARASIN
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SECRETARY OF POLICE NARCOTIC SUPPRESSION CENTER ABLY ASSISTED

LOHACHALA.

2. BOTH LOHACHALA AND SARASIN ATTENDED THE ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE. CUSACK REPRESENTED USG ON THAT COMMITTEE. WHEN LATTER WAS NOMINATED FOR CHAIRMAN POW SARASIN WHO HAS WORKED WITH CUSACK SINCE 1959 AT MANY INTERPOL AND UN MEETINGS ELICITED SUPPORT OF SOUTH ASIAN DELEGATIONS ENSURING ELECTION.

3. WE ARE AIRMAILING ASPA COPY CUSACK REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS CHAIRMAN ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE AND TEXT OF FIVE RESOLUTIONS PREPARED BY COMMITTEE AND ADOPTED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4. RESOLUTION 1 REAFFIRMED RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT 40TH AND 41ST ICPO GENERAL ASSEMBLIES, WARNING OF THE DANGERS OF CANNABIS ABUSE AND RECOMMENDING SUPPRESSION OF CULTIVATION AND TRAFFIC. RESOLUTION 2 RECOMMENDED CONTROLS OR MONITORING OF EGOTAMINE AND ITS DERIVATIVES USED IN MAKING LSD AND PHENYL 2 PROPANE USED IN MANUFACTURING AMPHETAMINE.

5. RESOLUTION 3 RECOMMENDED MONITORING OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE DISTRIBUTION AS MEANS TO DETECT HEROIN LABORATORIES. RESOLUTION 4 RECOMMENDED WHERE THERE IS NO FACILITIES FOR CENTRALIZING NARCOTIC TRAFFICKING INFORMATION ON A NATIONAL BASIS SUCH OFFICE BE ESTABLISHED OR RESPONSIBILITY BY GIVEN TO AN EXISTING OFFICE. RESOLUTION 5 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATE DISTINCTION BE MADE WHERE IT DID NOT NOW EXIST IN TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF MINORS ABUSING DRUGS IN RELATION TO ADULT DRUG ABUSERS. RESOLUTIONS 1 THROUGH 4 WERE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. RESOLUTION 5 WAS ADOPTED 89 FOR, NONE AGAINST, ONE ABSTENTION.

6. IN HIS REPORT TO DEA ADMINISTRATOR BARTELS ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CUSACK REPORTED RELATIVE TO THAILAND THAT THROUGH WORK OF POW SARASIN, THE THAI DELEGATION VERY QUIETLY ASSUMED LEADERSHIP ROLE OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN BLOC INCLUDING BURMA INDONESIA, LAOS, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND VIETNAM. POW SARASIN ENGINEERED THE ELECTION OF WIDODO BUDIDAR-CONFIDENTIAL

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MO. CHIEF OF DJARKARTA METROPOLITAN POLICE AS MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD. SARASIN ALSO ORGANIZED SE ASIAN SUPPORT FOR ELECTION OF F.B. ARUL, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, TAMIL NADU MADRAS, INDIA TO FILL VICE PRESIDENCY POSITION VACATED BY BEJA NAPOMBEJRA OF THAILAND.

7. THAI AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA HOSTED A LUNCHEON TO WHICH SE ASIAN DELEGATIONS LISTED ABOVE WERE INVITED PLUS CUSACK.

8. POW SARASIN IN TALKS WITH CUSACK SAID HE WAS VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THEIR NEW FOUND NARCOTIC COOPERATION WITH BURMA, THAT FOLLOWING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BURMESE DELEGATION IN PERSON OF THAN SHWE LWIN, VICE DIRECTOR FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND U WIN LWIN, DIRECTOR FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS HAD BEEN INVITED TO STOP OVER AT BANGKOK. SARASIN SAID THAIS WOULD GO ALL OUT IN THEIR HOSPITALITY AT BANGKOK TO THESE BURMESE OFFICIALS AS A MEANS TO SOLIDIFY COOPERATION WITH BURMA ON NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT. IF RAPPORT DEVELOPED AS EXPECTED WITH BURMESE DURING BANGKOK VISIT, THAIS IN PERSON OF LOHACHALA AND SARASIN EXPECTED TO BE INVITED AND WOULD VISIT RANGOON AS RECIPROCAL GESTURE OF COOPERATION.

9. IN CONTRAST TO VERY ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF MANY DELEGATIONS AT ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING OBVIOUSLY FOR REASONS OF THEIR OWN THAILAND, IRAN AND HONG KONG WITH ENORMOUS NARCOTIC PROBLEMS AND REPRESENTING BY LARGE WELL QUALIFIED DELEGATIONS MADE NO STATEMENTS AND PARTICIPATED IN NO EXCHANGES AT ALL. THE IMPRESSION WAS CREATED THEY WERE THERE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES IF QUESTIONED OR CRITICIZED.

10. MR. N.G. ROLPH, COMMISSIONER OF NARCOTICS AT HONG KONG PRIVATELY CONFIRMED THAT NUMBER 4 WHITE HEROIN AT HONG KONG WAS NOW PRACTICALLY UNAVAILABLE. HE SAID HE THOUGHT WE HAVE THIS TRAWLER THING LICKED NOW-IT'S FINISHED. ROLPH WAS MOST EMPHATIC ON THAT POINT. HE ALSO SAID HONG KONG POLICE WERE GOING TO POST A MAN AT BANGKOK. HE EMPHASIZED THE MAN WOULD BE OF SENIOR RANK, EQUIVALENT TO FRED DICK AND INDICATED THAT THIS WAS NOT A MERE GESTURE BUT THAT THEY EXPECTED THEIR MAN WOULD HAVE THE STATURE AND ABILITY TO WORK AT HIGHEST LEVEL OF THAI POLICE AND BRING ABOUT RESULTS. ROLPH WAS ALSO VERY IMPRESSED BY RECENT RGB ACTION AGAINST

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SHAN STATE INSURGENTS INVOLVED IN OPIUM TRAFFIC.

11. WITH REF PARA 3 OF BANGKOK 16911 WE BELIEVE CHUMPOL IN MENTIONING IMPROVED NARCOTIC INFORMATION EXCHANGES WAS REFERRING TO RESOLUTION 4 WHICH WAS DEVELOPED AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE PHILIPPINES.

12. WITH REF BANGKOK 17342 WE BELIEVE SO CALLED INTERNATIONAL LIST MAY REFER TO INTERNATIONAL LIST OF TRAFFICKERS INTERPOL HAS PERIODICALLY PUT TOGETHER AND THEN ABANDONED BECAUSE OF LACK OF INPUT BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. PUTTING SUCH A LIST TOGETHER IS AGAIN BEING INFORMALLY DISCUSSED BUT IT WAS NOT CONSIDERED OR EVEN RAISED AT ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC MEETING.

13. ALSO SO-CALLED INTERNATIONAL LIST MAY REFER TO PROPOSAL BY SPAIN TO HAVE SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERPOL MAINTAIN LIST OF CONVICTED NARCOTIC VIOLATORS WHICH MEMBERS COULD CHECK BEFORE SENTENCING PERSONS CONVICTED OF NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS AND APPLY MORE APPROPRIATE SENTENCES IF RECORD INDICATED INDIVIDUAL HAD ONE OR MORE NARCOTIC CONVICTIONS ABROAD. SPAIN WAS REQUESTED TO STUDY THIS PROPOSAL DURING THE COMING YEAR WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO DETERMINE ITS FEASIBILITY AND ACT ACCORDINGLY AT THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE PROPOSAL WHICH COULD BE VALUABLE HAS SEVERAL LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLICATIONS THAT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO OVERCOME.

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